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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP ART UNIT 1744

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: S. Conley  
RICHARD T. SMITH, ET AL. )  
: Group Art Unit: 1744  
Appln. No.: 09/970,913 )  
: Filed: October 5, 2001 )  
: For: HIGH-SPEED, LOW- )  
: TEMPERATURE STERILIZATION )  
: AND SANITIZATION APPARATUS )  
: AND METHOD )  
: December 29, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION  
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Official Action  
dated July 29, 2003, for two (2) months from October 29, 2003 to December 29, 2003. A

check in the amount of \$420.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.